

a rule of thumb, thin dead bark which can easily be prized away with a knife is ideal.

Finally, an interesting association discovered in Harewood Forest was that most dead trees bearing Oecophorid larvae were also attacked by the "Honey Fungus", *Armilleriella mellia*, which grows in lignified strands between the bark and wood. Although the fungus showed no definite signs of having been eaten by the larvae, the association may be important for the conservation of these Oecophorids. Honey Fungus is highly undesirable to foresters because it can infect and kill trees stressed for other reasons, (eg. bark beetle damage). Infected trees tend to be removed as soon as the fungus is detected to prevent its spread, with the consequent removal of at least one of the potential habitats for these Oecophorids. Col. D. H. Sterling has contacted the managing foresters, Tilhill of Farnham, Surrey concerning the conservation of *O. bractella* in Harewood Forest, and I am pleased to report that they have kindly co-operated and are interested in the species' preservation.

Some of the published records for the four vice-counties are as follows: VC34: *Entomologist*, **66**, 260 (1933); VC35 many records; VC56: J. W. Carr, *The Invertebrate Fauna of Nottinghamshire* (1916); VC66: *Ent. mon. Mag.* **17**, 237 (1881).

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DREPANEPTERYX PHALAENOIDES L. (NEUROPTERA: HEMEROBIIDAE) IN SURREY IN 1983. — A single specimen of this mainly northern species was taken by us whilst beating oak at Mitcham Common, Surrey on the 15th September 1983. The identification was confirmed by the BM(NH), to which three other examples of *D. phalaenoides* had been reported in 1983, and it was suggested that there is now a breeding colony in Southern England. — R. K. A. MORRIS, BSc., 241, Commonsides East, Mitcham, Surrey and J. A. HOLLIER, BSc., F.R.E.S., 74 Robinson Road, London SW17. [Of this rare and striking neuropteran, Wild (*Ent. Rec.*, **91**:285) records taking two specimens at Selsdon, Surrey in 1979. — J.M.C.-H.]

PELOSIA MUSCERDA HUFN.: DOTTED FOOTMAN IN BROMLEY, W. KENT. — A male *Pelosia muscerda* came to my garden m.v. trap on the night of 20th July 1983; it was accompanied by *Autographa gamma* L. and *Nomophila noctuella* D. & S. I assume it was a migrant as there are no suitable localities nearby and another example was reported from Kent on the 16th July (cf. Collins, *Ent. Rec.*, **95**: 222). — DR. J. H. CLARKE, 16 Patterdale Close, Bromley, Kent BR1 4H2.